

Attorney Docket No. 033794/273258**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**ELASTOMERIC EXPANSION JOINT, A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING AN  
ELASTOMERIC EXPANSION JOINT, AND A WIRING SUPPORT MEMBER,**

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto

OR

☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Application No. or PCT International Application Number \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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The undersigned hereby authorizes the U.S. attorney or agent named herein to accept and follow instructions from my Brazilian representatives, Dannemann Siemsen Bigler & Ipanema Moreira, as to any action to be taken in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the U.S. attorney or agent and the undersigned. In the event of a change in the persons from whom instructions may be taken, the U.S. attorney or agent named herein will be so notified by the undersigned.

**POWER OF ATTORNEY:** As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the practitioners associated with the Customer Number provided below to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and direct that all correspondence be addressed to that Customer Number:

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